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Church Musicians Schedule Array of Program Features

HOUSTON, Texas (BP)--An imposing array of musicians and speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, June 10-11 in Houston.

The conference, which will open at Tallowood Baptist Church and hold its closing session on Monday evening, June 11, at First Baptist Church, is one of a series of meetings surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, in Houston.

Speakers include Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, who will deliver four addresses keynoting Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist Convention's goal of proclaiming Christ to the entire world in this century.

The opening session, which begins at 7:15 p.m., June 10, features an array of mini concerts by choirs and musical groups and culminates in the premiere of an anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1979 meeting.

The anthem, "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord," was written by Milburn Price, chairman of the church music department, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and will be performed by the A Cappella Choir of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas.

Other speakers and business will be interspersed between mini-concerts by a number of artists and musical groups.

James C. McKinney, music conference president and dean of the school of church music at Southwestern Seminary, will deliver his president's address. William R. O'Brien, secretary for denominational coordination, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will speak on "A Manifesto of Praise: The Arts in Missions."

Monday morning, June 11, will include special sessions for the members of the Church Music Conference's local church, denominational and music educators divisions. Special interest sessions in the afternoon include a variety of program personnel leading conferences on what is new in music missions, worship resources, handbells and multi-media.

The denominational division includes an address on "The Denomination Caught in the Energy Squeeze," by Gwenn McCormick, director, department of church building planning, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

Musical groups and artists include youth choir, Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; church choir, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.; A Cappella Choir, Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas; chapel bells, First Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss.; chapel ensemble of sanctuary choir, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; church choir, Chinese Baptist Church, Houston; The Alabama Singing Men; The Singing Men, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; The 1979 Texas Baptist All-State Band; the Singing Men of Texas; Jeri Graham, assistant professor of voice, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; James W. Good, professor of church music, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Harold Jones, instructor in church music, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Jack Coldiron, associate professor of voice, Southwestern Seminary, who will lead congregational worship throughout the conference.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE
Tallowood Baptist Church
(with closing session at First Baptist Church)

Houston, Texas
June 10-11, 1979

Sunday Afternoon, June 10

1:00 p.m. Past Presidents Luncheon, Sheraton Inn
4:00 Registration Desk Opens, Tallowood Baptist Church
Exhibits Open, 4:00-7:00

Sunday Evening, June 10

7:15 p.m. Opening Session of Conference
Presiding--James McKinney, dean, School of Church Music,
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and president, Southern
Baptist Church Music Conference, Fort Worth, Texas
Coordinator--Tom Mosley, minister of music, Tallowood Baptist Church,
Houston

Call to Order

Welcome--Lester B. Collins, pastor, Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston

Congregational Worship

Worship Leader--Jack Coldiron, associate professor of voice, Southwestern
Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

Mini-Concert--Youth choir, Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.,
Jerry O'Neal, minister of music, director

Mini-Concert--Church choir, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.,
James Woodward, minister of music; dean of music, Oklahoma Baptist
University, director

Offertory

Congregational Worship

Worship Leader--Jack Coldiron, Southwestern Seminary

Mini-Concert in Multi-Media--Jeri Graham, assistant professor of
voice, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

Keynote on Bold Missions--Russell H. Dilday, president, Southwestern
Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

Mini-Concert--The A Cappella Choir, Howard Payne University, Brownwood,
Texas, David Keith, director of choral activities, director

Premiere of anthem commissioned by The Southern Baptist Church Music
Conference for the 1979 meeting of the conference: "O Give Thanks Unto
the Lord," written by Milburn Price, chairman, music department, Furman
University, Greenville, S. C., published by Broadman Press, and performed
by the Howard Payne University A Cappella Choir, David Keith, director.

9:15 Reception for the conference, hosted by the church music department, Baptist
General Convention of Texas, and the Union Baptist Association music
ministry.

Monday Morning, June 11

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens, Tallowood Baptist Church
Exhibits Open, 8:00-12 noon
- 8:45 Second Session of Conference
Presiding--Charles Gatwood, director of church music, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.
Coordinator--Harry Taylor, director of church music, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, Topeka, Kans.
- Welcome--S. W. Prestidge, secretary, church music department, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, Texas
- Congregational Worship
Worship Leader--Jack Coldiron, Southwestern Seminary
- 9:00 Mini-Concert--Chapel bells, First Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss.
C. Truitt Roberts, minister of music, director
- 9:15 President's Address--James McKinney, dean, School of Church Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 9:25 Mini-Concert--Chapel ensemble of the sanctuary choir, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Mark Edwards, minister of music, director
- 9:45 Business Session
Introduction of new president-elect
Presentation of honorary life memberships
- 10:00 Exhibit break
- 10:30 Presiding--Polly Riddle, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
Coordinator--Ronnie Smith, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.
Mini-Concert--Church choir, Chinese Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Jimmy Leo, director
- 10:50 Keynote on Bold Missions--Russell H. Dilday, president, Southwestern Seminary
- 11:00 Divisional Meetings
Local Church Division--Bill Pearson, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council member
Program--"Church Musician's Audio Seminar," Howard Parker, president, Sound Investment Enterprises, Austin, Texas
Denominational Division--Charles Gatwood, vice president, presiding
Election of council member
Program--"The Denomination Caught in the Energy Squeeze", Gwenn McCormick, director, Department of Church Building Planning, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh
Music Educators Division--Polly Riddle, vice president, presiding
Election of council member
Program--"The Educated Guess," Herbert Colvin, professor and coordinator of theory division, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- 12:00 Lunch (exhibits closed)

Monday Afternoon, June 11

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Exhibits open, Tallowood Baptist Church
- 1:30 Third Session of Conference
 Presiding--Bill Pearson, minister of music, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
 Coordinator--Tom Mosley, minister of music, Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- Mini-Concert--The Alabama Singing Men, Paul Hall, associate professor of music, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., director
- 1:50 Congregational Worship
 Worship Leader--Jack Coldiron, Southwestern Seminary
- 2:00 Keynote on Bold Missions--Russell H. Dilday, president, Southwestern Seminary
- 2:10 Mini-Concerts--James W. Good, organ, professor of church music, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.
 Harold Jones, baritone, instructor in church music, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.
- 2:40 A Manifesto of Praise: "The Arts in Missions"--William R. O'Brien, secretary for denominational coordination, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- 3:00 Exhibit break
- 3:30 Mini-Concert--The Singing Men, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., Paul Hammond, assistant professor, director
- 4:00 Interest Sessions (General Theme: "What's New?")
 (1) "What's New in Music Missions?"--T. W. Hunt, professor of piano and organ, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
 (2) "What's New in Worship Resources?"--In Every Way Rejoice, an innovative worship presentation incorporating singing, playing, and dancing, by The Rejoicers, First Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, Duane Blakeley, minister of music, director
 (3) "What's New in Handbells?"--Hart Morris, minister of music, Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
 (4) "What's New in Multi-Media?"--Jeri Graham, assistant professor of voice, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

Monday Evening, June 11

- 7:15 p.m. Final Session of Conference, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
 Presiding--James McKinney
 Coordinator--Ronnie Barner, minister of music, West University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- Pre-Session Music
 1979 Texas Baptist All-State Band
- 7:30 Call to Order
- Congregational Worship
 Worship Leader--Jack Coldiron, Southwestern Seminary

Monday Evening, June 11 (continued)

Presentation of new council members

Mini-Concert--1979 Texas Baptist All-State Band, Greg Berry, assistant professor of music, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas, director

Mini-Concert--1979 Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir, Loyd Hawthorne, professor of choral activities and conducting, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, director

Congregational Worship

Keynote on Bold Missions--Russell Dilday, president, Southwestern Seminary

Mini-Concert--The Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton, professor of conducting, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, director

Installation of new president

Benediction and adjournment

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Texas Baptists Meet
Disaster Needs Head-on

By Orville Scott

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WICHITA FALLS, Texas (BP)--In the wake of one of Texas' most destructive tornadoes has come a flood of disaster relief and spiritual response from people of all ages.

It was a swirling, evil monster that ripped an eight-mile swath of death and destruction through Wichita Falls April 10 after devastating a wide area of the nearby city of Vernon.

Some said it was actually three funnels coming together in a giant storm. It killed 55 people and did about \$250 million damage in the two cities before moving on to strike Lawton, Okla.

Response of Texas Baptists and others to the needs of survivors was immediate and heartwarming, said Fred McDowell, director of missions for the Wichita-Archer-Clay Association.

Five Baptist churches were among the emergency shelters quickly set up in Wichita Falls. Members of First Baptist spent the first night ministering to 150 homeless tornado victims, many of whom slept in the church's recreation building.

A relief worker asked one red-eyed mud-spattered youngster, "How are you son?"

"Pretty good," the boy replied sadly. "But my grandmother's got brain damage. When the tornado came, we got in a ditch, but grandmother didn't get low enough, and something hit her in the head."

In the gray light of dawn the morning after, stunned survivors were greeted by the Texas Baptist disaster relief mobile unit and a dozen trained volunteers. The big tractor trailer and its crew, directed by Texas Baptist Men Executive Director Robert Dixon, has provided thousands of meals a day, plus spiritual encouragement for the storm victims and relief workers.

Dixon called it the worst destruction he has seen in a decade of disaster relief work, during which he has taken the disaster mobile unit and crew as far as Honduras.

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Working with other relief agencies, Texas Baptists have moved rapidly to aid homeless families, said Charles McLaughlin, director of the Disaster Relief Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Texas Baptist churches and the homes of pastors and church members felt the full fury of the tornado which destroyed more than 2,500 homes and damaged nearly 5,000 other homes and apartments.

Six members of Texas Baptist churches were among those killed. Hardest hit was First Baptist, Vernon, with three members dead.

Trinity Baptist of Wichita Falls was one of ten churches destroyed. Faith Baptist, also in Wichita Falls, lost its fellowship hall, the roof off its sanctuary and its youth and education buildings. The only undamaged part of the church plant was turned into sleeping quarters for disaster relief workers.

In Lawton, Okla., even after the storm had spent much of its fury in Texas, three were killed and more than 100 injured. Bi-vocational pastor Jim Graves of Richard Spur Baptist Church lost his home, but no Baptist churches in the town were damaged.

The disaster van of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma was utilized for the first time and was able to provide the only hot meals some victims and workers had had for two days. Electricity and gas were knocked out.

Volunteer workers with the unit brought food and drug prescriptions to many elderly who refused to leave their damaged but liveable homes for fear of looters. Local Baptist churches were immediately active, providing food and shelter.

Texas Baptist churches damaged included the New Life mission of First Baptist, Vernon, and the Sunnyside and Hillcrest churches of Wichita Falls. Eleven church staff members' homes were destroyed and seven others were damaged.

Typical of the responses of tornado victims was Mrs. Fred McDowell, who, with her daughter, escaped injury in a hall closet as the storm destroyed their home. "We've lost everything, but I praise the Lord for being alive," she said.

The amazing thing, considering the extent of the destruction, said Dixon, was the comparatively small number of people killed and injured. Many of those killed were people who tried to flee a shopping mall ahead of the tornado.

Among the many miraculous accounts was that of the family of Glenn Booth, minister of family life at First Baptist, Wichita Falls. Six people crowded into a hallway and covered themselves with blankets and pillows. The house collapsed up to the wall that shielded them. After the tornado passed, they all knelt and thanked God for their miraculous survival.

Texas Baptists are eager to reassure the storm victims that they aren't forsaken, said McLaughlin. The state convention has sent church recovery and family assistance task forces to help churches and families rebuild.

Financial aid is being provided through statewide disaster relief offerings, the Cooperative Program and the Mary Hill Davis offering for state missions. A plea has been issued for volunteer builders as soon as the debris is cleared away.

The state convention is providing temporary support for staff members of the churches where large numbers of church members lost their homes.

One-stop centers have been set up to help direct storm victims to government resources and other aid. Baptist disaster relief workers have also helped set up a child care center at First Baptist and a grocery store operation.

The convention's church recovery task force is helping churches that were damaged or destroyed to find temporary worship facilities and to rebuild.

Five days after the storm, on Easter Sunday, the tornado victims paused from burying their dead and clearing away the debris to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

The Easter sermon of First Baptist pastor Morris Chapman seems to be the theme of victims and relief workers alike: "Just as Christ arose from the grave, we shall rise from the rubble."

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**Black Church Role
Reversed in Lubbock**

By Orville Scott

LUBBOCK, Texas (BP)--The traditional pattern of a white church trying to reach blacks in its community is being reversed in Lubbock, Texas.

Lubbock Baptist leaders felt history was made in March when a black Southern Baptist congregation led by pastor Leon Anderson constituted the Pilgrim church.

It's become the only strong church of any kind in a large integrated residential area where four new housing developments are underway.

The Pilgrim church already has had white members join, and its goal is to reach people of all races, said Anderson, a college and seminary graduate. The congregation had been meeting in another part of the city, but their building, situated on a back street, was inadequate.

Meanwhile a struggling white congregation in west Lubbock disbanded and Bacon Heights Baptist Church, one of the state's fastest-growing evangelistic congregations, accepted the assets and liabilities of the disbanded church.

Bacon Heights pastor Hank Scott said, "Many professional black families have visited our church and others, but they don't join. We felt if we could help start a black work in the area, we could provide a ministry for them and others."

Bacon Heights paid up the bills on the church plant, and in a moving ceremony, presented the deed for the church property to the Pilgrim church.

Pilgrim Baptists, who began a bright new chapter in their history with a Sunday School enrolment of 88 and an attendance of 82, have an outstanding debt of about \$50,000. But they have a city block of property with a modern 250-seat sanctuary completely furnished and equipped. There is adequate education space and other facilities which Anderson feels is part of the challenge for the church to reach the community.

The impact of the new work on Lubbock is evidenced by the invitation from all three television stations for Anderson to appear for interviews.

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Memphis Senior Adults
Refuse To Slow Down

By Mark Sandlin

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)--When many people half their age have run out of gas and are too tired to keep going, John and Clara Aylesworth are visiting church members, taking trips, and in general displaying a remarkable zest for living.

Members since 1918 of Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, the Aylesworths are part of a rapidly growing segment of society and of the Southern Baptist population--senior adults.

They share with millions of other senior adults such problems as decreased mobility, increased cost of living on fixed income and loneliness as peers and relatives die.

Fortunately, the Aylesworths don't have one problem that many other senior adults face: being pushed from the mainstream of the church. Through their 52 years of marriage they have taught Sunday School classes, worked in church training, served as secretaries for different departments and since 1945 he has been a deacon.

"Senior adults are often pushed aside or just forgotten in the rush of the church," says William Branyon, minister at large for Union Avenue. "It is not an intentional act, it is just that the church emphasis is often placed on growth programs or youth-oriented programs."

The Aylesworths are able to stay as active as they want in their church because of the attitude of Union Avenue toward its senior adults, expressed by Lee Prince, pastor: "We believe that everyone has gifts that they can contribute to the church. As a person grows and changes so can his contributions grow and change. Everyone has something to offer at every stage of their development and there are plenty of places of ministry for everyone."

One of the Aylesworths' activities is the deacon ministry program. They visit church members and encourage them to attend.

"A lot of the families that we visit don't attend Union Avenue or any church regularly," Mrs. Aylesworth said. "It is so important for families with young children to attend church. When we visit we try and encourage them to become involved again either at Union Avenue or at someplace locally."

Monthly the Aylesworths attend the Union Avenue Keenagers meeting, an organization for persons 55 and older. The meeting provides senior adults opportunities to talk and socialize with other people that share many of the same problems.

The gatherings feature speakers on topics such as Social Security benefits, health care or other areas of concern to their age group. As part of the planned activities the members sign up for trips ranging from a local shopping excursion to an extended trip to New Orleans or Williamsburg.

"Keenagers gives so many people that want to stay active a way to stay active. Some of the people are involved in every program that the church has to offer, others just enjoy helping take care of the older members that have no family," Mrs. Aylesworth said.

Union Avenue is one of the Southern Baptist churches awakening to the resources that senior adults have to offer and to the needs they have. Recognition of the needs of senior adults and their abilities will be highlighted on Sunday, May 6, when Southern Baptist churches observe the first Senior Adult Day.